AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-20. (Canceled).

21. (Previously Presented) A method for controlling audio devices in a computer system, comprising the steps of:

receiving an event comprising receiving an incoming telephone call;

communicating the event to a configurable audio controller;

determining a change in a setting of a plurality of audio devices from the event; and

changing the setting of a plurality of audio devices as a result of the determination, including muting an audio output device before establishing the incoming telephone call on an active receiver.

22. (Original) The method of claim 21 wherein receiving an event comprises receiving an event generated by an application.

23. (Original) The method of claim 21 wherein receiving an event comprises receiving an event generated by a system component.

24. (Original) The method of claim 21 wherein receiving an event comprises receiving an event generated by an audio control.

25-28. (Canceled).

29. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~28~~ 21 further comprising, restoring the audio output device setting to a prior state after the telephone call is disconnected.

30-33. (Canceled).

34. (Original) The method of claim 21 wherein determining a change in a setting of a plurality of audio devices comprises using rules for changing a setting of an audio device based upon one or more events.

35. (Original) The method of claim 21 wherein determining a change in a setting of a plurality of audio devices comprises using configuration settings.

36. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21 wherein changing the setting of a plurality of audio devices further comprises changing the setting of an input audio device.

37. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21 wherein the changing the setting of a plurality of audio devices further comprises changing the setting of an output audio device.

38. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21 wherein changing the setting of the plurality of audio devices further comprises changing an indicator that uses at least one member of a set comprising visual, audible, and tactile representations.

39. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 38 wherein the indicator corresponds to a visual indicator, and wherein changing the visual indicator comprises changing an amount of light displayed for a volume setting.

40. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ method of claim 38 wherein the indicator corresponds to a visual indicator, and wherein changing the visual indicator comprises changing the indicator to an amber color while muted.

41. (Canceled).

42. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21 wherein changing the setting of a plurality of audio devices further comprises restoring settings of an audio output device to a prior state.

43. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21 wherein changing the setting of a plurality of audio devices further comprises adjusting a volume of an audio output device.

44. (Currently Amended) A computer storage computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing the method of claim 21.

45-62. (Canceled).

63. (Previously Presented) A method for controlling audio devices in a computer system, comprising the steps of:

receiving an event corresponding to receiving an incoming telephone call;

communicating the event to a configurable audio controller;

determining a change in a setting of a plurality of audio devices from the event; and

changing the setting of a plurality of audio devices as a result of the determination, including lowering the volume of an audio output device before establishing the incoming telephone call on an active receiver.

64. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 63 wherein receiving the event comprises receiving an event generated by at least one of: an application, a system component, and an audio control.

65. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 63 wherein the changing the setting of a plurality of audio devices comprises muting at least one other audio output device before establishing the incoming telephone call.

66. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 63 further comprising, restoring the audio output device setting to a prior state after the telephone call is disconnected.

67. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 63 further comprising, restoring the audio output device setting to a prior state after a headset is unplugged.

68. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 63 wherein determining the change in the setting comprises using rules for changing the setting of the audio device based upon one or more events.

69. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 63 wherein determining the change in the setting comprises using configuration settings.

70. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 63 wherein the changing the setting further comprises changing a setting of an input audio device.

71. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 63 further comprising changing an indicator that uses at least one member of a set comprising visual, audible, and tactile representations.

72. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 71 wherein the indicator corresponds to a visual indicator, and wherein changing the indicator comprises changing an amount of light displayed for a volume setting.

73. (Currently Amended) A computer storage computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing the method of claim 63.

74. (Previously Presented) A method for controlling audio devices in a computer system, comprising the steps of:

receiving an event corresponding to disconnecting a telephone call;

communicating the event to a configurable audio controller;

determining a change in a setting of a plurality of audio devices from the event; and

changing the setting of a plurality of audio devices as a result of the determination, including restoring an audio output device setting to a prior state after the telephone call is disconnected.

75. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 74 wherein receiving the event comprises receiving an event generated by at least one of: an application, a system component, and an audio control.

76. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 74 further comprising, muting at least one other audio output device before establishing an incoming telephone call corresponding to the disconnected telephone call.

77. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 74 further comprising, restoring the audio output device setting to a prior state after a headset is unplugged.

78. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 74 wherein determining the change in the setting comprises using rules for changing the setting of the audio device based upon one or more events.

79. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 74 wherein determining the change in the setting comprises using configuration settings.

80. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 74 wherein the changing the setting further comprises changing a setting of an input audio device.

81. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 74 further comprising changing an indicator that uses at least one member of a set comprising visual, audible, and tactile representations.

82. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 81 wherein the indicator corresponds to a visual indicator, and wherein changing the indicator comprises changing an amount of light displayed for a volume setting.

83. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 74 wherein changing the setting of a plurality of audio devices comprises muting the audio output device.

84. (Currently Amended) A computer storage computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing the method of claim 74.

85. (Previously Presented) A method for controlling audio devices in a computer system, comprising the steps of:

receiving an event corresponding to plugging in a headset;

communicating the event to a configurable audio controller;

determining a change in a setting of a plurality of audio devices from the event; and

changing the setting of a plurality of audio devices as a result of the determination, including muting an audio output device before connecting audio output on the headset.

86. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 85 wherein receiving the event comprises receiving an event generated by at least one of: an application, a system component, and an audio control.

87. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 85 further comprising, restoring the audio output device setting to a prior state after a headset is unplugged.

88. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 85 wherein determining the change in the setting comprises using rules for changing the setting of the audio device based upon one or more events.

89. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 85 wherein determining the change in the setting comprises using configuration settings.

90. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 85 wherein the changing the setting further comprises changing a setting of an input audio device.

91. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 85 further comprising changing an indicator that uses at least one member of a set comprising visual, audible, and tactile representations.

92. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 91 wherein the indicator corresponds to a visual indicator, and wherein changing the indicator comprises changing an amount of light displayed for a volume setting.

93. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ method of claim 91 wherein the indicator corresponds to a visual indicator, and wherein changing the indicator comprises changing the indicator to the color amber while muted.

94. (Currently Amended) A computer storage computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing the method of claim 85.

95. (Previously Presented) A method for controlling audio devices in a computer system, comprising the steps of:

receiving an event corresponding to unplugging a headset;

communicating the event to a configurable audio controller;

determining a change in a setting of a plurality of audio devices from the event; and

changing the setting of a plurality of audio devices as a result of the determination, including restoring an audio output device setting to a prior state after the headset is unplugged.

96. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 95 wherein receiving the event comprises receiving an event generated by at least one of: an application, a system component, and an audio control.

97. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 95 wherein determining the change in the setting comprises using rules for changing the setting of the audio device based upon one or more events.

98. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 95 wherein determining the change in the setting comprises using configuration settings.

99. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 95 wherein the changing the setting further comprises changing a setting of an input audio device.

100. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 95 further comprising, receiving another event corresponding to plugging in a headset, and changing the setting of at least one audio device in response to the other event.

101. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 95 further comprising changing an indicator that uses at least one member of a set comprising visual, audible, and tactile representations.

102. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 101 wherein the indicator corresponds to a visual indicator, and wherein changing the indicator comprises changing an amount of light displayed for a volume setting.

103. (Currently Amended) A computer storage computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing the method of claim 95.